

Dayton, Oregon
Tuesday-the 25th

Dear Vicki & Jim,

Guess I'll try to answer your nice letter this morning while Ned is at lunch-the sun is shining and it's a beautiful day for a change- We've caught up on rain-surely?- in the past week or two -the corn growers are having trouble getting their trucks in and out of corn fields-in fact, had to quit picking for several days-perhaps the electrical energy crisis won't materialize as feared after all- the governor has decreed that we shall save on electricity by turning off all unnecessary lights-so what happens at the governor's conference at the beach? Many lights, a cadillac for each big wig and National Guard trucks standing by with a reserve supply of gas in case they run short!! Ugh-the peons can be asked to do all these nice patriotic things!

I called Jerry last night and it looks like he hasn't gone to work yet (other than a temporary thing at a service station) so will be driving up for the wedding-Louise will come along too-dad was hoping she wouldn't but I'm sure Jerry wouldn't stay on here anyway-He said not when I talked of that possibility last night-there are too many servicemen and dependents in the Oceanside area who are also looking for work so it's not the easiest place to get a job-I think he's quite discouraged and this doesn't help-if he could just land a decent job I think he would be OK -

Grandpa is still with us of course-He surely watches a lot of television! Nothing much else to do, I suppose-He goes for a walk in the mornings and sometimes in the afternoon if the weather's nice but other than that he's in front of TV-Dad moved our color set out into the family room over the weekend after he connected the antennae correctly and could get a picture-otherwise I even had trouble finding a time I could run the dishwasher!

The carpet people came yesterday and put down carpet in the LR and our bedroom-the rust in the livingroom is quite pretty I think-I'll have to get used to walking on it though-and the red in our room too-feels so-o good on barefeet-I plan to move that orange ball swag lamp from the dining area to the corner of the LR-it will go really well colorwise, I think-and we don't seem to use it in the other room anyway-

The wedding is really coming up on us quickly-I must get my serving plans all laid out for Friday- Francie will be helping me and I'm taking Thursday, Friday and Sat. off-the kids

moved things into their apartment over the weekend and Ken's living there this week-will probably come out to Dayton tonight-I hope the weather will stay nice for at least a couple of weeks now-and that they don't have trouble getting enough gasoline for the honeymoon trip! All these exigencies to have to think about!

I haven't gotten my dress yet- Clara sent back to South Dakota with her son and daughter-in-law last week but is to be home today-and her husband came by to tell me of this last week and assured me she would have it done in plenty of time-I think she had it started when she left-and it's not a complicated pattern either-so I shall have confidence that it will be ready-

I'm glad Jim won't be gone as long as you had earlier supposed his next trip-have you bent his ear quite a bit since he's been home? Vented all your frustrations, etc? I hope and trust that things at school are improving somewhat by now-Just keep your cool-

We haven't taken possession of the farm yet but soon will be-I think it's about the middle of October-And dad will have spraying too do right away and could do a lot of pruning-But will sort of feel his way along and do what he can and see how it goes-grandpa flies home on Oct. 2nd and then things will normalize-

Well, that's about all the news and I should get to work around here- we'll be taking quite a few pictures I'm sure what with Jerry here-and will send you some good ones-

Surely do wish you lived a lot closer right now and could be with us this weekend but will be thinking of you both -and remembering what a good visit we did have when you came out earlier-Write soon and take care of yourselves-I hope you have gained a few pounds, dear-have you been wearing your wig a lot? Bet it helps to not have to fix your hair too much, eh?

much love,

mom